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CARB BUSINESS

The Large Spark-Ignition Engine Fleet Requirements Regulation (LSI Regulation) requires specific equipment be initially reported to the California Air Resources Board (CARB or Board) by June 30, 2017 and labeled by July 30, 2017. The LSI Regulation reporting user guides, importing equipment guides, the amended regulation language, and other useful LSI regulation information are available at <https://www.arb.ca.gov/lsi>

The Air Resources Board (ARB) announces the launch of its new California Dairy and Livestock GHG Reduction Working Group (Dairy Working Group) and Subgroup list serves that will provide interested stakeholders with up-to-date information about current activities and processes. Sign-up for the main Dairy Working Group process List Serve:
https://www.arb.ca.gov/listserv/listserv_ind.php?listname=dairy

CAP AND TRADE

Gov. Brown in 'thick' of negotiations on cap and trade.
California Gov. Jerry Brown (D) and lawmakers still aim to reach a deal this summer to extend the state's cap-and-trade system through 2030. Speaking at a conference presented by the clean energy trade group Advanced Energy Economy, state Senate President Pro Tempore Kevin de León (D) said lawmakers and the governor are "in the thick of negotiations right now"...

<https://www.eenews.net/climatewire/2017/06/22/stories/1060056422>

Conservative climate plan could shield oil companies. A provision in a high-profile carbon tax plan could insulate companies that release greenhouse gases from lawsuits.

The plan by the Climate Leadership Council, a group of Republican statesmen and economists, would place a \$40 tax on each ton of carbon dioxide and roll back existing climate regulation.

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AIR POLLUTION

Take a Look at the States Sending the Most Carbon Into the Air. A recent report distributed by a diverse group including Ceres, Bank of America Corp., the Natural Resources Defense Council and

electricity suppliers Entergy Corp. and Exelon Corp. offers a state-by-state breakdown of carbon-dioxide emissions from power plants. Here are the highlights:

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2017-06-21/take-a-look-at-the-states-sending-the-most-carbon-into-the-air>

London Mayor Seeks Pollution-Free Transport System by 2050.

London's Mayor Sadiq Khan called for the city's entire transport network to operate with zero greenhouse-gas emissions by the middle of the century under a 3.3 billion-pound (\$4.2 billion) a year program aimed at reducing dangerous levels of pollution. Transport for London will gradually expand the city's planned ultra-low emissions zone...

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2017-06-21/london-mayor-seeks-pollution-free-transport-system-by-2050>

State fines three companies for violating cargo handling equipment air quality rules. The California Air Resources Board has fined three companies \$726,250 for failing to comply with the state's cargo handling equipment regulation, which sets emission standards for a range of equipment used mostly at ports and railyards, including gantry cranes, yard trucks, and forklifts.

<http://www.centralvalleybusinesstimes.com/stories/001/?ID=32798>

Air pollution tied to survival odds for liver cancer patients.

For people diagnosed with liver cancer, living in an area with heavy air pollution from industry, traffic or smoke is linked to lower odds of survival, a California study finds. The association between levels of tiny particles known as PM 2.5 in the air and death from liver cancer or from any cause was strongest for people...

<http://www.businessinsider.com/r-air-pollution-tied-to-survival-odds-for-liver-cancer-patients-2017-6>

California Has Worst Air Quality in the U.S. A new report indicates that California has the worst air pollution of any state in the country. The American Lung Association's State of the Air 2017 report on air pollution says California has the highest ozone levels of any state. The study was done analyzing levels of ozone and particle pollution in counties across the country.

<http://kfrog.cbslocal.com/2017/06/22/california-worst-air-pollution/>

<https://cleantechnica.com/2017/06/21/california-named-us-state-worst-air-quality-yet/>

Precedent-setting cap on oil refinery emissions delayed. Bay Area air regulators on Wednesday postponed adopting the nation's first limits on greenhouse gases from oil refineries because of complaints that the public wasn't given enough time to review 11th-hour changes. With both environmentalists and oil company workers complaining of insufficient notice, the Bay Area Air Quality Management District board agreed to wait...

<http://www.eastbaytimes.com/2017/06/21/precedent-setting-cap-on-oil-refinery-emissions-delayed/>

D.C. Circuit sets argument date in long-running ozone case. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit has scheduled Sept. 14 oral arguments on two long-running lawsuits to U.S. EPA's implementation of its 2008 ozone standard. The suits, both filed two years ago, challenge various aspects of the agency's state implementation plan requirements...

<https://www.eenews.net/greenwire/2017/06/22/stories/1060056449>

CLIMATE CHANGE

NYC Weatherman Quits TV to Save Europe From Climate Change. Mike Favetta is heading to Italy to help companies cope with a changing planet. On the afternoon of June 1 in New York, meteorologist Mike Favetta was celebrating his last day working for local 24-hour TV station News 12 at his favorite spot in the Bronx's vanishing Little Italy.

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2017-06-21/nyc-weatherman-quits-tv-to-save-europe-from-climate-change>

A major climate change study was canceled because of climate change. Scientists from the University of Manitoba set out to measure how climate change would impact sea ice in Hudson Bay, in northeastern Canada. Their goal was to help prepare local marine industries and the coast guard for what lay ahead. Unfortunately, as you can see in the video above, severe ice conditions caused by climate change...

<https://qz.com/1010657/a-major-climate-change-study-was-canceled-because-of-climate-change/>

Council approves resolution on Paris climate accord. In the first voting session of the 2017-19 City Council, the body voted 9-1 today to recognize that global warming is occurring and that San Antonio will work to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

San Antonio joins other cities across the U.S. in the Mayors National Climate Action Agenda by its adoption and support of the Paris Agreement...

<http://www.mysanantonio.com/news/local/article/Council-approves-resolution-on-Paris-climate-11239709.php>

Global warming struggle is like fight to end slavery — Gore. Former Vice President Al Gore compared humanity's struggle against global warming to moral movements of the past, including the abolition of slavery in the U.S., the fight against apartheid in South Africa, the suffrage movement and gay rights. He insisted the climate change fight can be won, given the pace of renewable energy expansion.

<https://www.eenews.net/greenwire/2017/06/22/stories/1060056443>

Energy CEOs tell Pruitt they want carbon regulation. U.S. EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt asked utility CEOs about replacing the Clean Power Plan. Gage Skidmore/Flickr

Dozens of power industry executives who flew to Washington for a Monday meeting with U.S. EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt had three minutes apiece to tell him whether they want to replace the Clean Power Plan.

<https://www.eenews.net/climatewire/2017/06/22/stories/1060056398>

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<https://www.eenews.net/climatewire/2017/06/22/stories/1060056423>

Perry says 'I don't mind being skeptical' on warming. Energy Secretary Rick Perry reasserted his skepticism about climate change yesterday when lawmakers pressed him to explain the impacts that people are having on global temperatures.

Speaking to the Senate Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Subcommittee...

<https://www.eenews.net/climatewire/2017/06/22/stories/1060056421>

Dems ramp up post-Paris messaging, action plans. Democrats are on a messaging blitz today, highlighting the response at the federal, state and local level to President Trump's bombshell announcement about U.S. withdrawal from the Paris Agreement.

The NewDEAL, a national network of progressive state and local leaders, and the New Democrat Coalition, which includes 61 members of Congress...

<https://www.eenews.net/eedaily/stories/1060056406/search?keyword=calif>

HEATWAVE

No Heat Safety Rules Yet For Indoor Workplaces. California requires employers in several outdoor industries to take extra precautions on hot days to protect their workers, but the state has yet to establish heat safety rules for indoor workplaces.

Paola Laverde is with the state's workplace safety agency, Cal/OSHA.

<http://www.caprado.org/articles/2017/06/21/there-are-rules-to-protect-outdoor-workers-during-hot-weather-what-about-indoor-employees/>

DIESEL ACTIVITIES

Companies fined for selling illegal truck aftermarket parts. The California Air Resources Board says it has reached settlements with Derive Systems Inc., and Hypertech Inc. to resolve violations of the California Health and Safety Code related to the advertising and sales of illegal aftermarket performance parts in California, especially tuner products made for diesel pick-up truck engines...

<http://www.centralvalleybusinesstimes.com/stories/001/?ID=32800>

FUELS

Zinke pledges to enforce Obama-era methane rule amid rewrite. The Trump administration will enforce an Obama-era regulation aimed at restricting harmful methane emissions from oil and gas production, even as it seeks to rewrite the rule to be more industry-friendly, Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke said Tuesday.
https://www.washingtonpost.com/business/zinke-pledges-to-enforce-obama-era-methane-rule-amid-rewrite/2017/06/20/367e3c14-55f3-11e7-840b-512026319da7_story.html?utm_term=.74afe151e88f

BLM methane rule delay has NM businesses and lawmakers at odds (again). While the state's Democratic lawmakers are fighting in the District of Columbia to keep Obama-era energy policies in place, New Mexico business leaders said the Environmental Protection Agency is on the right track with its plan to delay for two years Bureau of Land Management methane rules meant to curb methane emissions from oil and gas wells.
<http://www.bizjournals.com/albuquerque/news/2017/06/22/blm-methane-rule-delay-has-nm-businesses-and.html>

Enough tall oil for biofuels, biomaterials and energy use, study concludes. International energy and climate consultancy Ecofys has completed a new study into crude tall oil (CTO) availability, current usage, whether the feedstock creates additional demand for land, and if the use of CTO in advanced biofuels can have a distortive effects on markets.
http://biofuels-news.com/display_news/12501/enough_tall_oil_for_biofuels_biomaterials_and_energy_use_study_concludes/

VEHICLES

The U.K. Wants to Lead World in Driverless and Electric Vehicles. The U.K. government plans to invest more than 800 million pounds (\$1 billion) in new driverless and zero-emission vehicle technology as it seeks to boost its economy while leaving the European Union. Investment in research and new recharging infrastructure is intended to make Britain a "leader" in electric and autonomous vehicles...
<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2017-06-21/u-k-seeks-to-lead-world-in-driverless-and-electric-vehicles>

VW RECALL

Interpol seeks five ex-VW managers over emissions fraud, report says. The U.S. has issued international arrest warrants for five former Volkswagen managers accused of wrongdoing in connection with the carmaker's diesel emissions-cheating scandal, Sueddeutsche Zeitung reported on Thursday. The five ex-managers and developers, including two executives under former CEO Martin Winterkorn...
<http://www.autonews.com/article/20170622/OEM02/170629914/interpol-seeks-five-ex-vw-managers-over-emissions-fraud-report-says>

GREEN ENERGY

The \$123 Billion Question Hanging Over Renewable Energy. Different standards, lack of regulator hinder assessments. The green-bond market has boomed on the allure of investments that help the environment. Now, the industry is trying to show that the reality matches these ambitions. Advisers and rating companies are starting to track the environmental effect of projects funded by green bonds, such as the impact on air pollution.

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2017-06-22/green-bond-mania-spurs-demand-to-back-up-climate-saving-promises>

The Energy 202: Trump takes on wind energy, talks solar-powered border wall in Iowa speech. On Wednesday evening, an evidently gleeful President Trump gave a campaign-style speech in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, in which he attacked some of his favorite objects of ire in front of diehard fans, including Democrats, the Russia investigation and the news media.

https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/powerpost/paloma/the-energy-202/2017/06/22/the-energy-202-trump-takes-on-wind-energy-talks-solar-powered-border-wall-in-iowa-speech/594aaf07e9b69b2fb981ddef/?utm_term=.9ca59e2249f0

California invested heavily in solar power. Now there's so much that other states are sometimes paid to take it. On 14 days during March, Arizona utilities got a gift from California: free solar power. Well, actually better than free. California produced so much solar power on those days that it paid Arizona to take excess electricity its residents weren't using to avoid overloading its own power lines.

<http://www.latimes.com/projects/la-fi-electricity-solar/#nt=oft12aH-1la1>

The Rise Of Wind Energy Raises Questions About Its Reliability. Steven Somsen's farm got a new addition last year, breaking up fields of wheat and soybeans that span as far as the eye can see from his rural North Dakota home. "We ended up with some towers on our property," he says, nodding toward the giant, spinning, white wind turbines dotting the farmland around his house.

<http://www.npr.org/2017/06/22/532763718/the-rise-of-wind-energy-raises-questions-about-its-reliability>

EDF Renewable Energy Signs Wind & Solar PPAs To Supply 600 Megawatts. Energy company EDF Renewable Energy has this week reportedly signed two separate Power Purchase Agreements for solar and wind energy projects that together total 600 megawatts. On Wednesday, US independent power producer EDF Renewable Energy announced that it had signed a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) agreement...

<https://cleantechnica.com/2017/06/22/edf-renewable-energy-signs-wind-solar-ppas-supply-600-mw/>

Trina Solar Modules Now Producing Electricity At India's 2nd Largest Solar Power Project. Trina Solar recently issued a press

release boasting of the fact that its solar modules have started feeding electricity to the grid in India from a large-scale project of SB Energy, a joint venture company of Softbank, Foxconn Technology and Bharti Enterprises. The project, with a capacity of 455 megawatts (DC), is perhaps the...
<https://cleantechnica.com/2017/06/22/trina-solar-modules-now-producing-electricity-indias-2nd-largest-solar-power-project/>

Brooklyn homeowners sell green energy to neighbors. Solar power, or so-called green energy, appeals to Brooklyn homeowner Michael Guerra. A few years ago, he installed solar panels on the roof of his Park Slope brownstone. "Electricity only gets more expensive over time, and it just seemed to me to be a one-time investment in order to cap my cost," he said.
<http://www.fox5ny.com/news/262992155-story>

Industry scrambles to build projects before tax window closes. The wind industry is scrambling to exploit a federal tax incentive well before it disappears in 2020, according to industry insiders. Under a deal reached in Congress in 2015, the production tax credit is shrinking every year until it vanishes at the end of the decade. 2016 was the last full year to get the PTC's full value; projects this year can claim 80 percent.
<https://www.eenews.net/energywire/2017/06/22/stories/1060056420>

Trump's solar wall plans need a clean view. US president Donald Trump's suggestion to add solar panels to a wall he wants built along the border with Mexico may require some unexpected cooperation from America's southern neighbor to make it a reality — Mexico will have to agree to help keep it clean. Mr. Trump said on Wednesday in Iowa that the structure...
<http://www.thenational.ae/business/energy/trumps-solar-wall-plans-need-a-clean-view>

MISCELLANEOUS

Trump hire for key enviro office scorns climate 'alarmists'. A staunch critic of federal rules who has written passionate rebukes against "climate alarmism" has been hired for a top job in the White House's environmental office. Mario Loyola is the new associate director of regulatory reform at the White House's Council on Environmental Quality. He previously worked at the Wisconsin Institute for Law and Liberty...
<https://www.eenews.net/climatewire/2017/06/22/stories/1060056397>

OPINIONS

Who needs Paris? U.S. is well on its way to lower emissions with economic, technological changes. Even as President Trump was withdrawing the U.S. from the Paris climate deal,

environmentalists — and former President Barack Obama — said it didn't matter, and the U.S. was locked into a low-emissions future anyway. With the dust of the decision settling, analysts

have taken a closer look and say it's still possible, though difficult...

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2017/jun/21/paris-climate-goals-attainable-without-us-governme/>

Ninth Circuit Court To California: You Can't Always Get What You Want. America's most regulation-friendly court, the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, stunned the public on May 10th by acceding to a Trump Administration request for additional time to consider whether a state agency, the California Air Resources Board (CARB), should have unprecedented power to materially impede interstate commerce.

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/realspin/2017/06/22/ninth-circuit-court-to-california-you-cant-always-get-what-you-want/#2d174d166d4e>

BLOGS

Mayor debuts green transport plan, as London faces air pollution warning. Wide-ranging new strategy promises huge expansion of cycle network and the delivery of a zero emission transport network by 2050. With perfect timing, the unveiling of the Mayor of London's wide-ranging new transport strategy yesterday coincided with the triggering of an emerging air quality alert...

<https://www.businessgreen.com/bg/news/3012420/mayor-debuts-green-transport-plan-as-london-faces-air-pollution-warning>

Electric vehicles inefficient way to reduce CO2 emissions: study. Subsidizing electric and hybrid cars would not only cost Canadian citizens a fortune, but would also ultimately provide little environmental improvement, according to a recent study by the Montreal Economic Institute. Subsidizing the purchase of electric cars in Canada is an inefficient way to reduce greenhouse gas emissions...

<https://phys.org/news/2017-06-electric-vehicles-inefficient-co2-emissions.html#jCp>

Canadian Oil And Gas At Risk Under Stricter Emissions Rules, Study Finds. It is among the most exposed industries, says think-tank. A study by financial think-tank Carbon Tracker says Canadian oil and gas companies rank among some of the most exposed to climate policy risk. The report is part of an effort to increase disclosure on climate risks in the industry by looking...

http://www.huffingtonpost.ca/2017/06/21/canadian-oil-and-gas-at-risk-under-stricter-emissions-rules-stu_a_22509182/

That Tesla Battery Emissions Study Making the Rounds? It's Bunk. No, making a Tesla battery does not equal eight years of driving an internal combustion car. If you're predisposed to hate electric cars, then there's a wonderful story making the rounds that'll support your worldview. It claims that the production of Tesla battery produces carbon emissions equivalent to driving an internal-combustion vehicle for eight years—8.2, to be precise.

<http://www.popularmechanics.com/cars/hybrid-electric/news/a27039/tesla-battery-emissions-study-fake-news/>

States Taking Lead on Reducing Methane Emissions. Methane, the primary component of natural gas, is a potent greenhouse gas.

While it does not last as long as carbon dioxide in the atmosphere, methane absorbs more energy and consequently has a 100-year global warming potential 28 to 36 times greater than that of CO2. The major sources of methane emissions...

<http://www.newyorklawjournal.com/id=1202790746332/States-Taking-Lead-on-Reducing-Methane-Emissions?slreturn=20170522153046>

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